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LB 333

Colleagues, please move to your seats so we can start with Final Reading, please. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Schimek would move to return LB 333 to Select File for specific amendment. Senator, I have AM1038 in front of me. (Schimek amendment appears on pages 1488-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, each of you should have a copy of the amendment on your desk, AM1038. I'm bringing it to you because of a constituent who has had a problem this year, whereas she has not had that problem in the past. She and her husband have a business which customizes vans. And in prior years she has been able...they have been able to get what they call hardship plates, or a type of dealer plate, but this year they have been unable to. My staff has talked at length with the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Motor Vehicles feels that the language in the current statutes is not adequate for them to continue doing this kind of thing, and they have suggested the language that I have put before you today, which basically allows these dealers who customize vans, do the upholstering and all that kind of thing, and they don't actually own the vans, it allows them to make an application to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a certificate and a numbered plate. And each time they do that, each application shall cost \$30. Now for most of these businesses they don't have to have very many plates, maybe two or three at most, which they can move from van to van, as they do their customizing. So this is a kind of a constituent amendment. And I would ask you to consider it and attach it to LB 333. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the motion to return to Select File. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I saw this amendment, as most of you have, Senator Schimek distributed it this morning. I glanced through it and it brought to mind a constituent problem that I'd had last fall, very similar to this. And I commend Senator Schimek for bringing this amendment, because there appears to be a new interpretation in the Department of vehicles...Motor Vehicles regarding what the statute will allow. My case was a constituent that runs what